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Hello-

I'd just like to express my opinion regarding the Microsoft Settlement. About the 1 Billion in refurbished equipment and software. I really don't think that this is a punitive move. My reasons are as follows.

1)While Microsoft is the default standard in nearly every market it is less a leader in the educational market. This now dictates that Microsoft has a federally mandated responsibility to pursue market dominance in education and in fact cannot be refused.

2)Apple Computer, while a healthy company, is not the giant that Microsoft is and to have the Federal government instruct Microsoft to aggressively pursue market dominance will place undue and unnecessary strain on Apple Computer's abilities to effectively market products to this segment of Apple Computer's business.

3)While the donation idea seems to be a decent and thoughtful move on the surface it in no way accomplishes the goals of the court case as I understand them, "...the remedial goals set by the U.S. Court of Appeals:

- (1) to prohibit the illegal conduct and similar conduct in the future,
- (2) to spark competition in this industry; and
- (3) to deprive Microsoft of its illegal gains."

I have owned stock in both companies. I have sold my stake in Microsoft this year. I have read the issues with Microsoft's corporate behavior and have decided not to be associated with a company that appears to have no ethical or moral underpinnings regarding their corporate methods.

The latest developments with Microsoft's browser only underscore the fact that even though the company has judgments against it, it has failed to amend it's business practices to conform to generally accepted methods.

Please pursue a better solution to the Microsoft Anti-Trust case, one that enforces the U.S. Court of Appeals goals.

Thank you for your time,

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